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44. The floor mat of Claim 41, wherein the protrusions are on the bottom of said mat.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the application to change or correct the priority claim to delete priority to U.S. patent applications 09/374,707 and 09/374,321 and to add a priority claim to U.S. application 09/653,785.

Also, Applicant has amended the application to correct a typographical error or informality on page 2, line 3, changing "patent" to - -patents- - and on page 33, line 23, changing "tat" to - -at- -.

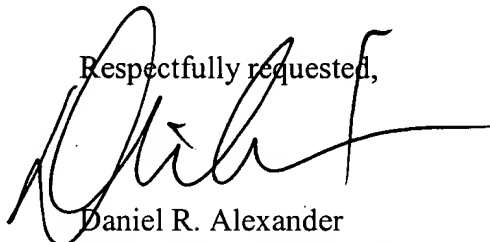
Attached hereto is a marked up copy of the revised paragraph, revised claims, and new claims for the Examiner's convenience.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee as may be required for timely acceptance of the Amendment transmitted herewith and to credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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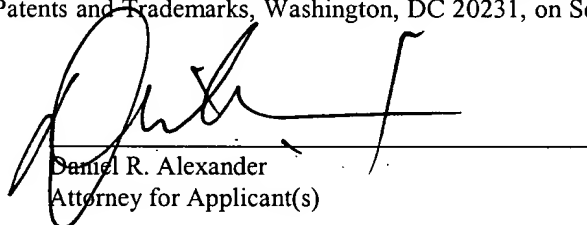
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MARKED UP COPY**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 5 – 7, **delete** the paragraph: [This application is.... August 13, 1999.] and **replace** it with the following paragraph:

- -This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial number 09/653,785, filed September 1, 2001.- -

Page 2, line 3, **delete** the paragraph: [All U.S. patent cited herein are hereby fully incorporated by reference.] and **replace** it with:

- -All U.S. patents cited herein are hereby fully incorporated by reference.

U.S. patent applications serial number 09/374,707, filed August 13, 1999, and serial number 09/374,321, filed august 13, 1999, are each hereby fully incorporated by reference herein.- -

Page 33, line 23, **delete** [Also, it is contemplated that tat least the top layer of the floor mat can include anti-] and **replace** it with - -Also, it is contemplated that at least the top layer of the floor mat can include anti- - -.

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein at least one of said protrusions integrated within said mat structure has a cross section shape of at least one of circular, oval, elliptical, octagonal, rounded, and polygonal.

5. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein at least one of said protrusions integrated within said rubber mat structure is located on the top surface of said

mat.

6. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the thickness of the resultant first layer of foam rubber is from about 5 to about 500 mils.
8. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, wherein said rubber mat structure includes at least one of cleats and texture on one of the upper or lower surfaces thereof.
11. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10, wherein the protrusions are shaped or arranged in at least one of groups, designs, patterns, stripes, words, and combinations thereof.

New Claims 29 – 44 as follows:

29. The floor mat of Claim 1, wherein each of said protrusions have a cross section shape of at least one of letters, numbers, designs, patterns, circles, ovals, ellipsis, polygons, and combinations thereof.
30. The floor mat of Claim 11, wherein said protrusions are arranged in a pattern of alternating groups of elongate ovals with adjacent groups rotated 180° relative to each other.
31. The floor mat of Claim 30, wherein each group includes 4 protrusions.

32. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, 29, 30, and 31, further including a raised border surrounding said protrusions.
33. The floor mat of Claim 32, wherein said raised border surrounding said protrusions has a sloped upper surface.
34. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 2 and 3, wherein said second layer of solid rubber comprises an upper cap which covers the upper surface of said mat.
35. The floor mat of at least one of Claim 7, wherein said third layer of solid rubber comprises a lower cap which covers the lower surface of said mat.
36. The floor mat of Claim 2, wherein said second layer of solid rubber covers the upper surface of the mat and said protrusions are in the lower surface of the mat.
37. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein said protrusions are located on the bottom surface of said mat.
38. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 2 and 3, further comprising at least one of nubs and bumps on the upper surface thereof.
39. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are located on the upper surface of said mat.

40. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are located on the bottom of said mat.
41. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, wherein each of said protrusions has a cylindrical upper end and a lower conical portion.
42. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said rubber mat structure further comprises a third layer comprised of solid rubber.
43. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are shaped or arranged in at least one of groups, designs, patterns, stripes, words, and combinations thereof.
44. The floor mat of Claim 41, wherein the protrusions are on the bottom of said mat.